



**Red Rock Canyon State Park
General Plan Amendment**

**PUBLIC MEETING #1
November 16, 2002**

**WRITTEN COMMENTS
to the Question:**

How do you use the Last Chance Canyon Addition?

- Extensive hiking this area: PLEASE LEAVE IT AS IS “RAW!” -Lee Bergthold, Center for Wilderness Studies
- Astronomy- Please leave it dark!
- Photography- Great for color
- Off-Highway Vehicles- Wonderful trails and roads!
- Motorized Recreation provides access & recreation
- Vehicle based touring (4WD)
- Promote Off-Highway Vehicle use (4WD)
- Hiking, Bird Watching, Photography
- Present Mining activity on private land
- Astronomy & photography need dark skies
- 4X4 touring and sightseeing/existing roads
- Hiking, photography (scenic), bird watching
- Equestrian use, overnight camping with horses, trail riding and camping
- Hiking & mining
- Camping, hiking, off-highway vehicle access for exploring the marvelous area
- We volunteer- picking up debris/trash left by unthinking visitors



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What do you value about the Last Chance Canyon Addition?

- Patrol Only! LEAVE IT RAW! Lee Bergthold, Center for Wilderness Studies
- The clear dark night skies
- The ever changing landscape
- The natural resources with a minimum of man's intrusions
- Historical access for ALL to enjoy the great scenery
- Historical and natural sites accessible by family 4X4 vehicles
- Great scenery, archaeological values
- Best & darkest sky within 150 miles of L.A.
- The scenery & the concentration of cultural & natural resources
- Beautiful scenery- wonderful trail access for equestrians, interesting mining & historical sites
- Great mining
- To preserve the area but with minimal effect leave it like it is



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***What change(s) would enhance your experience in the Last
Chance Canyon Addition?***

- LEAVE IT AS IS! -Lee Bergthold, Center for Wilderness Studies
- More protection for natural resources
- Treat Red Rock as State Park with State Park values
- Signs showing the plants, rocks, artifacts, etc.
- Allow open camping (like Anza-Borrego)
- No shooting
- Focus on both protection of scenery, cultural & natural resources with appropriate recreational opportunities
- Restrict vehicle use to roads-stop hill climbing!! I agree!!!
- No changes: continue to allow equestrian access & camping
- Continue land acquisition of in-holdings
- No changes: Allow mining
- Nothing: allow mining & off-road riding
- Leave it as is essentially...too many restrictions and the people the park is being protected for can't access it to enjoy!
- Leave the Last Chance Canyon the way it is. Do not restrict any access to the public-manage & maintain all existing access roads.